GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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THEFT OF ARTICLES FROM NATIONAL MUSEUM
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Museum in Delhi maintains the list of works of arts and artifacts in their possession;

(b) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has received complaints of theft/disappearance of certain articles from the Museum and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry in this regard; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. Every artifact housed in the National Museum has been properly documented both in the general Accession Register and in the classified Accession Register.

(c) There has been no report of theft/disappearance of any item from the collections of the National Museum in the last thirty years.

(d) & (e) The question does not arise.